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SELECTION OF ICFTU AND ILO DELEGATES

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1. AS OF MAY 15, THE "COMMITTEE OF 25" WAS STILL
INTERNALLY DIVIDED OVER NOMINEES (A) TO REPLACE
FLORENCIO CARRANZA ON THE ICFTU BOARD AND (B) TO
HEAD A WORKER DELEGATION TO THE ILO CONFERENCE, AS
WELL AS (C) A CANDIDATE FOR CASILDO HERRERAS' SEAT ON
THE ILO GOVERNING BODY. THE PRINCIPAL ISSUE WITHIN
THE "25" NOW APPEARS TO BE A DIVISION OVER THE
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DISTRIBUTION OF SPOILS BETWEEN THE "VERTICALISTS"
AND "ORTHODOX" (I.E. EX-"COMBATANTS") ON THE ONE
HAND AND THE "PARTICIPATIONISTS", "INDEPENDENTS",
AND "EX-GROUP OF EIGHT" FACTIONS ON THE OTHER.
THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT AT THE MOMENT
WITHIN THE "25" THAT THE WORKERS SHOULD FIELD A
DELEGATION TO THE ILO CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH THERE

APPEARS TO BE REMAINING DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO BROAD INTERNAL BLOCS AS TO THE POSTURE WHICH THE DELEGATION SHOULD ADOPT IN GENEVA AND OTHER RELATED ISSUES. EARLIER, THE RIVAL "COMISION DE GESTION Y TRABAJO" GROUP HEL INFORMAL TALKS WITH "25" REPRESENTATIVES OVER THE ILO ISSUE, BUT THE "COMMITTEE OF 25" HAS BEEN THE FOCAL POINT AROUND WHICH THE ILO DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE. THE LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE ILO DELEGATION CURRENTLY BEING PROPOSED CONTAINS THE NAME OF ONLY ONE LEADER WHO HAS BEEN FLIRTING WITH THE "GESTION Y TRABAJO" GROUP. HOWEVER, THE PRESS (BASED ON GOVERNMENT SOURCES) REPORTS THAT IF THE "25" CANNOT REACH AGREEMENT SOON, THE MILITARY TRUSTEE OF THE GOVERNMENT-INTERVENED CGT WILL CONDUCT AN ELECTION OF UNION LEADERS AT CGT HEADQUARTERS IN THE MANNER IN WHICH THE 1976 DELEGATION WAS CHOSEN.

2. THERE IS SOME HOPE -- BUT NO GUARANTEE -- THAT THE ISSUES WITHIN THE "25" WILL BE RESOLVED TODAY (MAY 16), EVEN IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED, HOWEVER, IT MAY BE TOO LATE TO DISPATCH THE NEW ICFTU DELEGATE TO THE ICFTU BOARD MEETING IN HAMBURG.
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